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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Hon. the Law Minister is busy with an Amending Bill for the Malabar Tenancy Act and it is likely that he will bring it here at any moment. So, let us await it."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" In the Amending Bill that has been circulated to us, no provision has been made to amend this particular provision. Therefore, will the Government consider the question of amending this provision? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Let the Bill be introduced. We will then know whether it contains such a provision or not."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Have the Government any statistics of cases filed against the tenants whose crops have failed and who are unable to pay the rent due? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In general cases, the Board Standing Orders apply."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" What is the policy of the Government when water is not supplied to compounded double crop lands for the second crop? "

Expenditure on rent reduction in Malabar.

* 272 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred in the special work of rent reduction in Malabar last year and this year; and

(*b*) the different categories of the personnel employed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Rs. 966 in 1951–52 and Rs. 2,51,446 in 1952–53.

" (*b*) 1 Rent Settlement Officer.

12 Rent Settlement Authorities.

45 Rent Settlement Tahsildars.

2 Rent Settlement Deputy Tahsildars.

119 Revenue Inspectors.

48 Upper Division clerks.

106 Lower Division clerks.

10 Steno-typists.

32 Typists.

242 Peons.

30 Masalchis.

214 Assistant Menons."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What has been the result of incurring this heavy expenditure? "

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" We have now stopped it and disbanded the staff in view of the impending introduction of the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Bill."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that there were a number of complaints that it was not really rent reduction but rent enhancement that these officers made?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I am not aware of it, Sir."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know how much money was lost on account of this staff as their work is going to be a waste? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is not going to be wasted. The statistics are there and they will be useful when we go into the matter again."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the personnel on whom Rs. 2 lakhs and odd were spent were really—people in the top cadre especially—extracted from Andhra and Tamil Nad and that they did not know anything about the Malabar tenure? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" An I.C.S. officer from England comes here and masters the local tenure much better than some of us. Like that, these people also could master the Malabar tenure." (Laughter.)

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" What was the primary object with which this expenditure was incurred? Has that object been now achieved? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The object was to fix the fair rent and preparation was made for that. Meanwhile, certain other factors have crept in and there is an Amending Bill to be introduced."

Price of rice in South Kanara district.

* 273 *Q.*—SRI T. ANANTHA PAI (on behalf of Sri Y. Manjaya Shetty): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken to check the soaring price of rice in South Kanara district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" South Kanara district except Hosdrug sub-taluk is more or less a self-sufficient one. Hence, the levy system of procurement in this district has been abolished. Informal rationing has been continued in Hosdrug sub-taluk which is a deficit area and 6 ounces of rice and 6 ounces of millets and/or wheat are being issued in this area through ration shops. Four ounces of rice and 6 ounces of millet and/or wheat are issued in ex-statutory rationed areas of the district. In the rural areas 10 ounces of millet are issued. South Kanara (except Hosdrug sub-taluk) has been formed into a separate zone and no stocks of rice or